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Letter dated 17 February 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 18 December 2009 addressed to you (A/64/607-S/2009/668), I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 4 December 2009 to 29 January 2010, as follows:

On 4 and 6 December 2009, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 7 December 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 8 December 2009, four F-4, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice.

On 9 December 2009, one B-200 and three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 10 December 2009, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 15 December 2009, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice.

On 16 December 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

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On 17 December 2009, two F-16 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 20 December 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 23 and 24 December 2009, two F-16, two CN-235 and one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 30 December 2009, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 5 and 6 January 2010, two F-16 and three CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 7 January 2010, two F-16 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 11 January 2010, two F-4 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 13 January 2010, one B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 14 January 2010, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 15 January 2010, one C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 18 January 2010, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 20 January 2010, one C-160, one CN-235, one Cougar and two Turkish military aircraft of un unknown type violated international traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 21 January 2010, four F-16, one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 22 and 24 January 2010, one C-160 and three Bell Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 25 January 2010, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 26 January 2010, two F-16, one CN-235, two Cougar and three Cessna Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice.

On 27 January 2010, two F-16, one CN-235, one B-200 and one Bell Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 28 January 2010, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 29 January 2010, one Bell Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned continued violations by Turkey and call for their immediate cessation.

Turkey's policy of non-observance of rules and regulations governing international aviation continues to gravely jeopardize flight safety and perpetuate insecurity and apprehension on the island. Furthermore, Turkey's systematic attempts to undermine the sovereignty and unity of the Republic of Cyprus by promoting an illegal secessionist entity, arrogating to itself, inter alia, the right to control part of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, further complicate the efforts to build trust and confidence between the two communities. Such policies and actions provide ample demonstration of the irresponsible behaviour of a country that now serves as a non-permanent member of the Security Council.

As stated in previous such letters, the continued violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey should be included in the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus.

The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of a viable solution to the Cyprus problem, according to the agreed basis endorsed by numerous Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

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